1	2	3
23.	Rajasthan	11
24.	Sikkim	1
25.	Tamil Nadu	23
26.	Tripura	4
27.	Uttaranchal	4
28.	Uttar Pradesh	24
29.	West Bengal	19
	TOTAL :	338

V.P.Ts. by private companies

4977. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that almost all the private basic telephone companies have failed to fulfil their contractual obligation to install Village Public Telephones (VPTs);

(b) if so, whether Government are considering certain other ways of making these companies to install the committed number of Village Public Telephones;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The private operators have consistently been insisted upon by the Government to complete their unfulfilled performance obligation either by themselves or by working out arrangements to utilize the infrastructure of other service provider in their service area.

Licensed DAK Agents

†4978. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

†The original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government are going to introduce a revised scheme of licensed dak agents in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department is proposing to introduce a revised scheme for Licensed. Postal Agents in urban areas in the near future. The details of the revised scheme are being formulated.

Telephone connections in Delhi

4979. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the residents of Gitanjali Park, Gali No. 6 (C), Sagarpur (West), New Delhi have registered their name for allotment of fresh telephone connections during January, 2003 with the Dwaraka Telephone Exchange; and

(b) what are the reasons for not providing the connections so far and by when the connections would be provided and the action being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Sir, Seven connections were booked by the residents of Gitanjali Park, Gali No. 6 (C), Sagarpur (West), New Delhi during January, 2003 and all these connections have been released.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Telecom racket

4980. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 193 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th February, 2003 and state :

(a) the details of the individuals/organizations behind the telecom racket;

(b) the latest status of the investigations into the racket and the details of the persons booked so far; and